

## LOCAL NEWS.

**CORPORATION COURT.**—Judge E. M. Love, presiding.—CONTINUATION OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Com. vs. Newton Smith; court convened at 3 o'clock p. m.; examination of Mr. Ferguson resumed. The child was born one Sunday night early in December; I met Newton Smith shortly after the birth of the child and told him he must come up to my house and take it away and provide for its maintenance; he came to my house, and on seeing the child acknowledged that he was its father; I then wrapped it up in a shawl, &c., and gave it to him; he took it away, and I have never seen it since.

The prosecution then called Thomas Grove, who testified substantially as follows:—I live near Union street; found the body of a child last December near the lime kiln, lying in a pond by the river side; the body was under the water when I found it; it was a female child, a mulatto, and very small; I went and reported that I had found it; I was present at the inquest on the body; Mr. Wheatley took the body out of the pond and carried it up to Mrs. Davis where the coroner's inquest was held over it; the child had nothing on but a piece of a shirt when I saw it in the water; I found the body at about 11 o'clock in the day; I don't know whose child it was.

Dr. French testified: I know Harriet Ferguson; she gave birth last December to a female child, a mulatto; I attended her. On the second day after birth, Mrs. Ferguson and the prisoner came to my house, and Mrs. F. said that he wanted to get possession of the child in order to raise it, and asked my permission; I told her that I had nothing to do with it, but that I had no objection to his taking it, and that if he would care for it properly. He acknowledged that he was its father; I then went to Philadelphia; on returning I heard of a mulatto child having been found drowned; I thought it might be Harriet Ferguson's child, and so informed Mr. Latham; this led to Smith's arrest; I was not present at the post mortem examination.

Dr. Powell was then called: I am a practicing physician in Alexandria; I attended a coroner's inquest on the 16th of last December, on the body of a female child, a mulatto; I made a post mortem examination of the body, particularly of the heart and lungs, and found coagulated blood in the right ventricle of the heart; this is laid down in Beck's Medical Jurisprudence as a sign of death by drowning; my experiments demonstrated the fact that the child was alive when thrown in the water, and that it came to its death by drowning; I could not tell how long it had been dead; it showed no signs of decomposition; the skin was slightly discolored, caused by exposure to the cold; the child was probably three days old; the inquest was held at Mrs. Davis' house.

Mr. Beach: I acted as coroner on the 16th of December 1870, in an inquest on the body of a mulatto child that had been found drowned in a pond of water, on that day; it was a female child. Dr. Powell made a post mortem examination; I don't know whose child it was.

Mr. Latham was then called and testified as follows: I know Newton Smith, the prisoner; I know that he was working at the Mansion House last December. Dr. French came to me one day in the month of December 1870 and stated that he thought that the child which had been found drowned a few days before was the child of Newton Smith and Harriet Ferguson. One of my officers was already working up the case, and also suspected that Smith knew something about the drowning; I sent an officer over to the Mansion House to get Smith; he brought him to me; this was on one Wednesday in said month; I asked Smith what he had done with the child of Harriet Ferguson; he said he had taken it to his mother's house, near Mr. Vernon, and left her in charge of it; I told him to go down the next morning on the steamer Arrow, get the child and bring it to me; I then let him go. The next day he came into my office without the child; I asked him where the child was, and why he did not bring it to me; I had ordered him to do so; he replied: "I cannot bring it." I then told him that the dead body of a little child had been found in a pond by the river side; that I knew all about it; that I suspected him to have been the author of its death, and asked him what induced him to do it; he replied: "I did it, but I do not know what induced me to do it; I did not know what I was doing." I then asked him where he had put the clothes that the child had on when it left Mrs. Ferguson's; he told me that the shawl was under a bed in a certain room in the Mansion House; I sent for it and found it; Mrs. Ferguson identified it as the one she had wrapped around the child, and took it away; I told him I would have to arrest him; I did so, wrote out his commitment and sent him to jail.

The defense then called. Mr. Thos. Burke, the steward, and William Jackson, John Montgomery and John Dixon, colored, who testified to the good character borne by the accused previous to his arrest. Capt. Smoot then commenced his argument for the prosecution; he was followed by Colonel Stuart for the defense. The prosecution then closed the case at half past ten o'clock, and the jury retired to their room, returning in about a half an hour with a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. The prisoner's counsel indicated his intention to move for an arrest of judgment or a new trial, and requested the court not to pass sentence.

To-day's PROCEEDINGS.—The court has been occupied all day with the case of the Commonwealth vs. Hugh Latham, for an assault. This case, in which the Mayor is prosecuted for having a colored boy named Carter Brooks whipped by a policeman for a minor offense, was tried at the last term of the court, when the evidence was published in the Gazette. As the jury failed to agree then, proceedings had to be commenced de novo, but no additional evidence has been elicited.

CAMERON DISTILLERY.—It appears that a discharge by a United States Commissioner, and an acquittal by a jury in a U. S. Court, are not considered by Mr. Presby, Supervisor of Internal Revenue for Virginia, sufficient grounds for a stay of proceedings against Mr. Peter Fegan; for, in obedience to instructions, deputy U. S. Marshal Garwood yesterday summoned Michel Rotchfort, J. T. Reddy, Hugh Fegan and J. Moran, employees at the Cameron Distillery in the years 1868 and 1869, to appear before the Grand Jury of the U. S. Circuit Court now in session in Richmond, to give testimony for an indictment against Mr. Fegan for non payment of taxes on distilled whiskey. It is said that the continued refusal of Mr. Fegan to "compromise," as it is termed, or pay black mail in order to carry on his business, is the sole cause of the annoyance and inconvenience to which he is subjected.

NEWLY INCORPORATED COMPANY.—Judge Keith of the Circuit Court of Alexandria has incorporated A. W. Harris, Edward Tyler, William Johnson, Henry Smith, Edward Bunder, William Davis, John Taylor, Jefferson Lightfoot and Lewis Jones, a body corporate under the style of "The Virginia Commercial Company," with a capital stock of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$100,000 to be divided into shares, of \$25 each, and to hold five acres of real estate. Neither the sort of business or the officers of the company are named in the charter, but the business of whatever nature it may be, is to be done in Alexandria. The parties named are colored people.

**NO TERMS WITH STRIKERS.**—On Saturday last the Gazette stated that about one hundred and fifty laborers employed on that section of the Washington and Richmond Railroad for the construction of which Messrs. McClure and Stubbs are the contractors, had struck that morning for higher wages or a reduction of their working hours, but that whether or not their terms would be complied with had not been made public. It has now however been ascertained that the contractors as soon as they were informed of the movement promptly discharged all that engaged in it, and yesterday are resumed operations with an entire new set of hands, who will receive the same wages as were paid to those who have been discharged.

**TYPOGRAPHICAL.**—The Jackson, Mississippi, Clarion contains the following complimentary notice of Mr. Callie White, an Alexandria boy: "At a regular meeting of Jackson Typographical Union, No. 37, held on Saturday last, Mr. B. C. White, foreman of the Pilot Job rooms, was unanimously elected a delegate to represent their association in the 19th Annual Meeting of the International Typographical Union of America, at Baltimore, on the 1st Monday in June. We congratulate the craft of this city in their selection of so competent and intelligent a gentleman as Mr. White, and one who so thoroughly understands the minutest details of the craft—and judging from a personal acquaintance of a year or more—one who will faithfully discharge any and every trust confided to him. No better selection could have been made."

**IMPROVEMENT.**—Quite as noticeable a sign of the improvement in the trade of this city as any that have been chronicled is not only in the improvements being made in the stores along King street, but in the fact that there are very few vacant business stands on that thoroughfare. It is a cheering indication of the confidence of the business men in the future. No one promenading King street at this day can but be struck with the many improvements made within the past four years. There are but a few of the old frame buildings left, and many additions and enlargements have been made to those left standing, which were modeled after a style now obsolete.

**LYNCHBURG AND DANVILLE R. R.**—The departure from this city of two engineering parties to be employed in the work of locating the Lynchburg and Danville Railroad was mentioned in the Gazette last week. This morning Captains W. D. Stuart and John W. McIlhenny, in charge of two more parties, left here for the same destination. Capt. Stuart's party consisted of Messrs. Adams, Corse, Christian, and Brent; and Capt. McIlhenny's of Messrs. Wilkins, Harvie, Lee and Fleming.

**POSTOFFICE LITERATURE.**—A letter inscribed with the following lines, passed through the postoffice of this city this morning: "Uncle Samuel to your care this letter I'll trust, To forward to 'Raccoon Ford,' so get up and dust."

On one corner you'll find your miserable stamp, Got up since the inauguration of General Grant. If it sticks till it reaches its destination It will be a big thing for the administration.

**MATCH AGAINST TIME.**—The trotting horse Robert E. Lee, owned by Mr. Geo. W. Harrison, of this city, will leave here to-morrow for Richmond, to trot a match against time, ten miles in thirty minutes, for \$2,000, on or before the 1st of April. Mr. Harrison's horse is thought by some to be one of the best horses in the State, and his owner is confident that he will win the race.

**NEW RAILROAD.**—Engineer Addison Marbury has returned from his examination of the three routes for the proposed railroad which is to connect the Loudoun marble quarries with the Washington and Ohio Railroad, and it is understood that he recommends what is known as the Goose Creek route, provided the right of way on that route can be obtained upon favorable terms.

**C. & O. CANAL.**—A dispatch from Cumberland announces that nineteen boats had been loaded with coal and cleared from that port on Friday, 10th instant, and that the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal was in navigable order throughout its entire line. This resumption of navigation is earlier than ever before known in the history of the canal.

**DEER.**—It is seldom now that deer are seen in King George or Westmoreland counties—but not long since a fine buck was killed not far from Barnesfield in the first mentioned county, near the river.

**LARGE FREIGHT.**—The steamer George H. Stout, from Philadelphia, consigned to M. Eldridge & Co., arrived yesterday evening with the largest freight she ever before brought to this port.

**SHEEN AND OAH VALLEY RAILROAD.**—A meeting of the Directors of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad was held at the Mansion House in this city at three o'clock this evening. A full attendance was present.

**MAYOR'S OFFICE.**—The only case at the Mayor's office this morning was that in which some pupils of the colored school near the Bridge Pump who had found, torn open and destroyed letters dropped on the street by Mr. Agnew's messenger, were examined. The offenders were severely reprimanded and discharged.

**NIGHT REPORT.**—Night clear and cloudy at intervals, and blustering. There were no disturbances, nor were there any arrests. One lodger was accommodated at the station house.

**SOUTHERN CLAIMS.**

I will prosecute before the Claims Commission just constituted, and before Congress, the Claims of loyal persons in the South for supplies furnished the armies of the U. S. during the late war. Address Washington D. C.

JOS. SEGAR.

Washington D. C., mh 14—2aw5w

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## TELEGRAPHIC.

DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.

FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—In the Senate, to-day, immediately after the reading of the Journal, the President laid before the Senate the House joint resolution adjourning Congress to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Morton moved to lay the resolution upon the table, which was carried—yeas 32, nays 13. Mr. Sumner presented a memorial of sundry distinguished citizens of Santa Domingo, residing in Porto Rico, in the Spanish language, in opposition to annexation.

Mr. Sumner was reading the memorial at length, when, Mr. Sherman stopped him midway by the point of order that petitions from foreigners could not be received.

The point of order was sustained. Mr. Sumner continued to speak denouncing the annexation of San Domingo as a fraud, but was silenced after several points of order had been made.

The House of Representatives discussed a bill providing the method of making estimates for appropriations.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following is a verbatim report of the proceedings in the House yesterday when

Mr. Braxton introduced a bill for quieting the title to the Arlington estate, in the county of Alexandria, State of Virginia, and making an appropriation therefor; which was read a first and second time.

Mr. Braxton. I move that the bill with the accompanying memorial be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and printed.

Mr. Stevenson. I ask that the bill be read.

The bill was read. It provides that upon a full release and conveyance of all right, title, and interest in and to the tract of land called "Arlington," containing eleven hundred acres, and situate in the county of Alexandria and State of Virginia, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the said devisees the sum of \$500,000, which payment when made shall be in full consideration for the said property. The second section provides that this bill shall be in force from and after its passage.

Mr. Stoughton. I move, as an amendment, that the bill be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The question was put on the amendment; and there were—yeas 36, nays 64; no quorum voting.

Mr. Stoughton. I move that the bill be rejected.

The Speaker. The gentleman is too late.—The Chair will order tellers.

Mr. Braxton and Mr. Stoughton were appointed tellers.

The House again divided; and the tellers reported that there were—yeas 29, nays 77.

During the division by tellers.

Mr. Hoar said: I rise to a parliamentary inquiry. Is it in order to move to lay this bill upon the table?

The Speaker. That motion will be in order after the result of the division of the House by tellers has been announced.

The result of the count by tellers having been announced as above.

Mr. Stoughton. I call for the yeas and nays on my motion that this bill be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs when appointed.

Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts. I move that the bill be laid on the table; and upon that motion I call for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The question was taken; and it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 115, nays 74, not voting 34.

The bill for the relief of Nicholas P. Trist, of Alexandria, negotiator of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which passed the Senate yesterday, proposes to pay him the sum of \$13,762.40, being balance due on account of salary, outfit, and return allowance as commissioner to Mexico, from April 15 1847, to April 8, 1848, with interest on the above sum from March 7, 1870, the date of the presentation of his petition, and the further sum of \$797.52 for contingent expenses incurred, with interest from April, 1848.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

BERLIN, March 14.—A decree dated the 5th instant, but not published, abolishes the Government of Versailles, Nancy and Rheims, the duties of which are transferred to the military commanders. The Germans also relinquish the administration of affairs in the occupied departments of France so far as education and religion are concerned, reserving, however, the right to resume it in case the French arrangements prove unsatisfactory. The Germans retain the management of the postal, railway and telegraphic services.

The Cross Gazette denies the truth of the report that Weissenburg is annexed to Bavaria.

Prince Frederick Charles is at Rouen, where he reviews the German troops.

The North German Gazette (official) says unless France protects the peaceful Germans returning to their avocations and residences in that country reprisals must be made by the Germans.

PARIS, March 14.—Evening.—Marquis de Bismarck, lately French minister to Rome, has been appointed minister to Vienna.

It is rumored that all sous-prefectures are to be abolished throughout France.

Jules Favre has gone to the headquarters of the Emperor William at Perrieres to protest against the requisitions still levied by the Germans in some portions of France.

General Faidherbe reports that the Germans will redeliver to the French on the 15th inst. the railways held by them in the North.

Thiers comes to Paris to-morrow. The malcontents of the National Guard at Montmartre have given in to the authorities and returned all the cannon in their possession.

The city is quiet.

LONDON, March 14.—Trade at Rouen is reviving and purchases of cotton tissues has commenced.

The German military authorities have billeted a large number of additional troops upon the inhabitants of Rouen because of the general display of emblems on the morning during the review of the German forces in that city.

Napoleon passed through Versailles, Belgium, to-day on his way to Chislehurst.

PARIS, March 14.—All apprehensions of trouble at Montmartre have vanished.

The Prussians continue exactions in the occupied departments.

BERLIN, March 14.—Baron, Von Arnim and Henri De Belan, the latter German Minister to Belgium have been appointed to participate in the peace convention at Brussels.

LONDON, March 14.—The Times congratulates Europe upon the results of the Black Sea Conference. A final session of the conference will be held to-day.

The U. S. corvette Shenandoah is at Southampton.

In the House of Commons last night a speech was made by Sir John Pakington, attacking in the strongest terms the abolition of the system of the purchase of commissions in the army as a mere sop to the democracy which would entail a vast expense upon the country and disgust the army. At the earnest request of Gladstone, whose health is still delicate, the debate was adjourned till Thursday.

LONDON, March 14.—The Emperor William and party were enthusiastically received by the

German troops. They go to Metz to-morrow, and after an inspection of the city and fortress continue their journey to Berlin.

From Havana.

HAVANA, March 14.—A proclamation was issued by Cespedes in January and another by Ignatier Agramonte on February 5th. The former signed himself President, and the latter General-in-Chief of the Cuban forces.

Marquis Santa Lucia who was wounded in the attack on the tower at Pento has had an arm amputated.

Dr. Francisco Argilueos one of the principal promoters of the insurance has surrendered.

U. S. Senator.

RICHMOND, Va., March 14.—The Legislature, to-day, elected John W. Johnston, Conservative, United States Senator, by one hundred and eighty, to fifty cast for John Popham, the Republican nominee.

The Markets.

LONDON, March 14.—11.30 a. m.—Consols 91½ for both. American securities quiet and firm.

LIVERPOOL, March 14.—11.30 a. m.—Cotton steady; uplands 74½; Orleans 74½.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Gold steady at 111.—Stocks steady. Virginia sizes 66½; do. new 68.

Money easy at 4. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet and firm. Corn firm.

BALTIMORE, March 14.—Virginia sizes, old 52½, 53 asked; do. 1865 52 asked; do. 1867 51 bid, 54 asked. Cotton firm. Flour more active for all grades. Wheat steady, but not active; choice white 205½; fair to prime 190½; prime to choice red 190½; fair to good 165½; common 140½; Ohio and Indiana 158½; Pennsylvania 150½; Corn firm; white Southern 84½; yellow do. 83. Oats in fair demand at 63½.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

**GRAPE WINE FOR SICKNESS.**—Decidedly one of the nicest and most creditable of any advertised article we have ever seen, is the wine bearing the above name, from the vineyard of Mr. Alfred Speer, of Puisse, N. J. This wine is expressed from the Oporto grape, which, under the hand of Mr. Speer, has been brought to a state of great perfection. The wine possesses the very highest medicinal virtue, and certainly as an article of beverage it is not, in our judgment, to be surpassed in color, taste, or any of the qualities which constitute a pure, mild and agreeable wine.—Boston Transcript.

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Baltimore, mar 13—1w

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mar 10—1c

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